Docket No.: 21581-00312-US (PATENT)

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Masahiko Matsukawa et al.

Application No.: 10/743,474 Confirmation No.: 8031

Filed: December 23, 2003 Art Unit: 1742

For: CHEMICAL CONVERSION COATING Examiner: L. L. Zheng

AGENT AND SURFACE-TREATED METAL

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated November 28, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.